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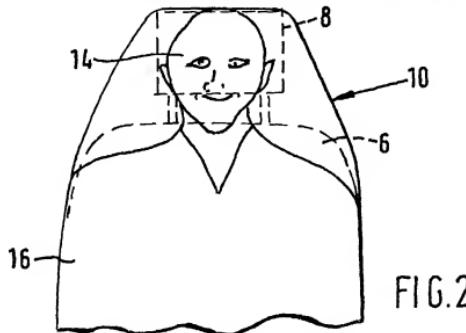
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(54) Car seat covers

(57) A car seat cover 10 has a pattern or ornament 16 depicting a life size human or other animal form such that the head 14 of the said form is approximately at the level of the seat's head restraint 8 when fitted to the seat.



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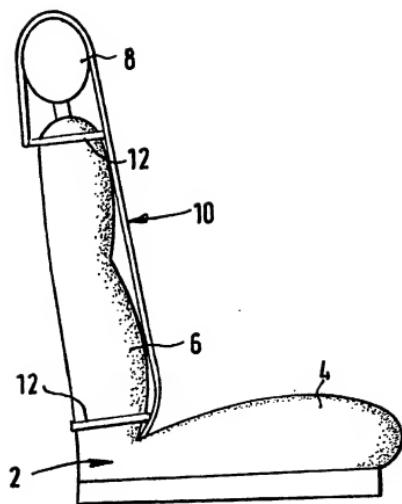


FIG.1

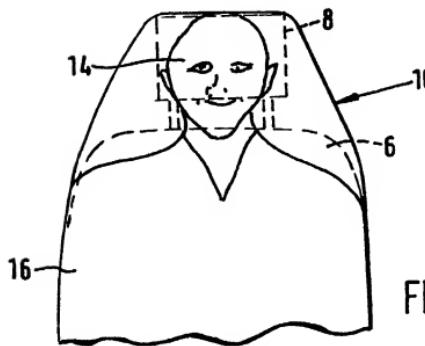


FIG.2

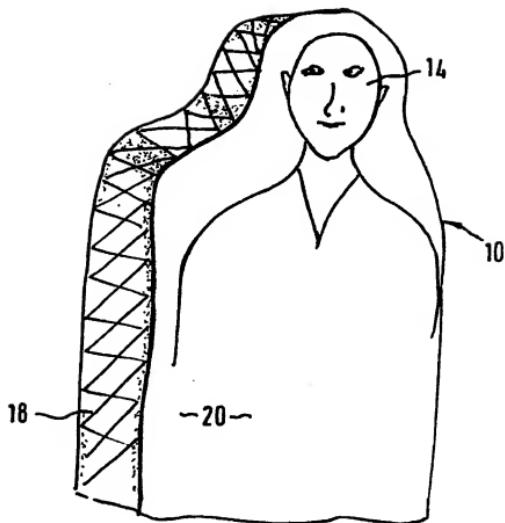


FIG.3

CAR SEAT COVERS

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This invention relates to car seat covers.

5        In accordance with the invention there is provided a car seat cover for covering at least both a head restraint and the front of the back-rest of a car seat, the cover having a pattern or ornament depicting a life size human, humanoid or animal form such that the head of the said form is  
10 approximately at the level of the head restraint when fitted.

Preferably, the form depicted is that of a real or fictional celebrity. An example of a real human celebrity might be Princess Diana. A fictional human celebrity might be Popeye. An animal fictional celebrity could be Yogi Bear.

15      A fictional humanoid might take the form of a robot.

The pattern or ornament is preferably at least partly three dimensional. For example, a three dimensional part may include the face or head of the depicted form.

20      The three dimensional part may include a plastic or rubber moulding. The three dimensional part may include padding.

One embodiment of the invention, given by way of example, will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawing, in which:

25      Figure 1 is a side view of a car seat with a cover which embodies the invention fitted thereto;

Figure 2 is a view of the front of the back-rest of the seat and cover of Figure 1; and

30      Figure 3 is a perspective view of an alternative seat cover embodying the invention.

A car seat 2 has a seat squab 4 and a back-rest 6. At the top of the backrest there is a head restraint 8. A cover, 10 embodying the invention is fitted over the back-rest 6 and head restraint 8. In the example shown the cover 35 is more decorative than functional in that it only covers the front of the back-rest 6 and does not cover the squab 4. The cover could, however, extend completely around the back-rest

6 and over the squab 4 as is conventional. The cover shown is secured with ties or elastic straps 12.

In Figure 2 the backrest 6 and head-restraint are shown in broken outline behind the cover 10. The cover is shown 5 having a pattern or ornament 16 depicting a human form. The cover is fitted to the car seat so that the head of the form is at the level of the head-restraint 8. Provided the pattern or ornament is moderately realistic, as the car passes it will appear to contain a passenger. Choosing a 10 pattern or ornament in the form of a celebrity will cause it to appear that the celebrity is riding in the car, which is intended to provide amusement to the driver and passers by. The celebrity may be real or fictional, human or animal.

The pattern or ornament may be printed on the cover 15 which may be of a stretch material.

In order to improve the realism, the cover may be partly or completely contoured. Thus a three dimensional face may be provided by, for example, a soft rubber or plastics moulding such as is currently used for masks. Alternatively, 20 or additionally, contours may be given to the cover by padding. Thus, a rubber moulding may be used for the face and contours may be added to the body by padding.

The car seat cover illustrated in Figure 1 has only a front, being retained by the elastic straps 12. Figure 3 25 shows an alternative in which the cover has both a back (not shown) and a front 20 joined by elasticated sides 18. In another alternative, the all material of the cover is a stretch fabric. The seat cover may cover the squab 4 of the seat although that is not illustrated.

CLAIMS

1. A car seat cover for covering at least both a head restraint and the front of the back-rest of a car seat, the cover having a pattern or ornament depicting a life size human, humanoid or other animal form such that the head of the said form is approximately at the level of the head restraint when fitted.
2. A car seat cover as claimed in claim 1, wherein the form depicted is that of a real or fictional celebrity.
3. A car seat cover as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the pattern or ornament is at least partly three dimensional.
4. A car seat cover as claimed in claim 3, wherein a three dimensional part includes the face or head of the depicted form.
5. A car seat cover as claimed in claim 3 or 4, wherein the three dimensional part includes a plastic or rubber moulding.
6. A car seat cover as claimed in any of claims 3 to 5, wherein the three dimensional part includes padding.

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